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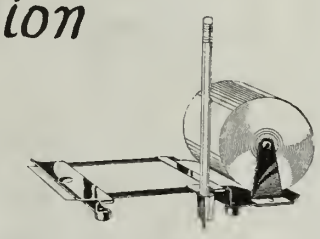
New Position Town Accountant



Subject to Town Meeting approval the Town will replace the Office of Town Auditor with a Town Accountant to be appointed by the Selectboard. Those interested in this job should contact members of the Selectboard.

Flash Best in World

Navy Mineman Richard J. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Lewis Sr. of Locks Hill Road in Wendell, recently attained the rank of Second Class Petty Officer and received the Navy's Good Conduct Medal for his outstanding service. Mineman Lewis is stationed with Mobile Mine Assemble Group Unit Eight on Guam which recently received the "M" award for being the best Mine Assembly Group Unit in the world. Lewis is currently residing on Guam with his wife, Lisa M.; the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Whitten of Orange.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Lewis
6 Asiga Lane - Old Apra Hts.
FPO San Francisco, CA 96630

Special Town Meeting Lots of Business

The Special Town Meeting on March 22 will consider articles including several matters new to town business.

Among new matters to be decided are a personnel policy for town employees and the approval of a position of Town Accountant.

The Planning Board has a series of zoning by-law amendments that deal largely with multiple family dwelling issues. Selectboard approval will be sought for the sale of cordwood and timber stumpage growing on Town land.

The Assessors will be seeking about $5,000.00 to hire a firm that would revalue land prices. In all, this and other articles will review the allocation of about $20,000.00 of town monies.

The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

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Left out on the Road

The question of the relocation of Route 2 came alive again in December after about 2½ years of relative dormancy. In the middle of December the final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was released by the State Department of Public Works and it surprised no one by recommending the six-mile stretch of highway be relocated through Wendell.

The FEIS contains a new section showing, for the first time, options for improvements to the existing highway through Erving, but rejects all of them "for safety reasons." It also announces that plans have been dropped to improve the Gill-Millers Falls section of the highway.

Then on January 17, the Franklin County Commissioners held a semi-public meeting in Erving which Commissioner Everett Hatch said was called "to determine how much support there is for the plan"--only Wendell officials weren't invited. A parade of other towns' selectmen and officials of various chambers of commerce and state agences were invited to the microphone to voice their support for the MDPW's plan while Wendell Selectboard Members Ken Simos and Jim Slavas, both of whom heard about the meeting only by chance, sat quietly in the audience.

"Wendell officials weren't invited," said Simos. He explained his silence at the meeting by saying, "It was my sense that there will be a better time for the town to assert its position strongly."

Michael Idoine, John "Klondike" Koehler and Jonathan von Ranson, all members of Wendell Concerned Citizens, stood up at the meeting to denounce the plan for its social, environmental, and financial damage to Wendell. "I got the feeling we were party crashers," said Koehler afterwards.

The plan has been unpopular with both public and private agencies with state and national environmental responsibilities because it cuts off a large forestland, including Wendell State Forest, from the Miller's River. It has drawn attack on fiscal grounds for taking property from the town's tax rolls--over one per cent--and on planning grounds for duplication of highway corridors.

Letters

MAPLE VALLEY

An Open Letter to the Community

Earlier in January two Maple Valley students were involved in burning the Putnam cabin. We want to express our deep regrets to the entire community for this incident.

Fortunately, the boys were honest in admitting their responsibility--they were unauthorized to be off-grounds and during this one-hour absence the incident occurred. We appreciated working with the Wendell Fire Department (Everett and Annie) and the county fire marshal in solving this crime. The students have been expelled from the program.

Furthermore, for those citizens of Wendell who know us and the work we do with kids we thank you for your understanding and support concerning this unfortunate event. For those of you who are either uninformed or uncertain about our program, we hope that this letter will aid in easing any concerns you may have in regard to either the seriousness with which we dealt with this matter here at Maple Valley and/or our committment to making Wendell a safe community for all of us.

Mitchell Kosh
Mark Rosen

Dear Wendell Post,

As a resident of Wendell since 1976, I am strongly opposed to the rebuilding of Rt. 2 through the Bear Mountain Forest and Wendell Depot. I hope that everyone who cares about our environment and our way of life here will come out strongly against this most wasteful of public projects, which seeks to destroy acres of prime forest (and the homes of quite a few people) so that truck drivers can be spared the inconvenience of having to slow down to pass Erving Paper Mill.

The issue seems to have sprung back from its dormancy of the last few years with the completion of the Environmental Impact Statement and the targeting of the Athol-Orange area for economic development by the new Dukakis administration. Advocates of the new road claim that only the lack of a more consistently "super" highway (55 mph) prevents industry barons from far and wide from investing in the local area.

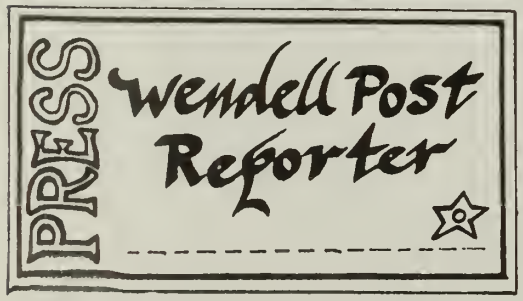
Perhaps, yet when one of the industries rumored to be interested is an industrial waste storage company, the trade-off seems hardly worth it. For the sake of this, as well as future generations, who will have less and less fresh air to look forward to, I can only hope the National Wildlife Federation vetoes the south bank construction and that the possiblities outlined in the E.I.S. for upgrading the existing road are undertaken.

Sincerely,

David Boatwright

NOTE FROM TOWN CLERK

Running papers must be in by March 28
Final voter registration is April 12
Town Election is May 2



Letter to the Post,

Recently there was a fire that the State Fire Marshall was called in to investigate because of its suspicious nature. He found that it was in fact suspicious and followed it with a discrete investigation. When it was over and the pieces were put together I realized I felt good that I could look back on it and see that it had been handled and the problem was dealt with. It was good to see the way the Fire Marshall did his job.

I feel that the Fire Department's job is not done when the fire is put out if there are still questions. I don't like going home, wondering what happened, how did the fire start and could it happen again? I think the decision that Chief Ricketts made to call the Fire Marshall in was a responsible one and I hope he will consider such a follow-up as standard procedure for any questionable fires that may happen in the future.

I want to also thank Maple Valley School for their cooperation in finding out who was responsible for the fire and dealing with them and us in such an open way.

Chief Everett Ricketts and I are working on a fire awareness and fire prevention program that we will offer to schools and groups in the near future.

Anne Diemand

Rural Arts

The Rural Arts Program has been part of life in Wendell and New Salem for quite a few years now. Over the years we have provided special music programs and craft workshops for the Swift River School children, mime shows, evening adult education, contradances and much more.

These programs have often been the result of dedicated work by just four or five individuals who felt there was a need for this kind of programming in our towns. These people are still willing to sponsor programs but they wonder, is the town still interested in attending?

For the past few months the Rural Arts Program has sponsored contradances in the Wendell Town Hall. This involved making and distributing posters to eleven area towns, doing radio publicity, baking refreshments, getting permission to use the town hall, staffing the refreshment table, and cleaning up after the dance. That's a lot for five people, but it didn't seem like work when attendance was as high as the dancers' spirits. Putting on successful programs that were enjoyed by the townspeople made it worth the effort.

Lately though, the attendance has dropped and members of the Rural Arts Program found it difficult to take energy from other projects to work on a program we feared would flop.

We all love the spirit of "community" we sense at our events, but we need help if we are to continue providing programs for the townspeople. On Sunday, April 10, the Rural Arts Program will meet at the home of Corey Jones and Heidi Kranz on Moosehorn Rd. in New Salem, at 2:00 p.m. We hope to brainstorm ideas for programs for the coming year but what we'll actually be able to do will depend on how many people show up at the meeting.

If you've attended just one Rural Arts Program event why not offer to help out with one? Tasks range from simply dropping off posters to contacting performers; new ideas and enthusiasm would sure boost morale!

Please consider joining us-if only for one event. Call Corey or Heidi at 544-2696 after 7:00 p.m. or Brenda Vincent at 544-3981 for more information about the meeting. Thanks.

Heidi Kranz

New oak-reinforced salt storage shed at the Wendell Highway Garage is small but sturdy, designed for loading and unloading of salt by heavy equipment.

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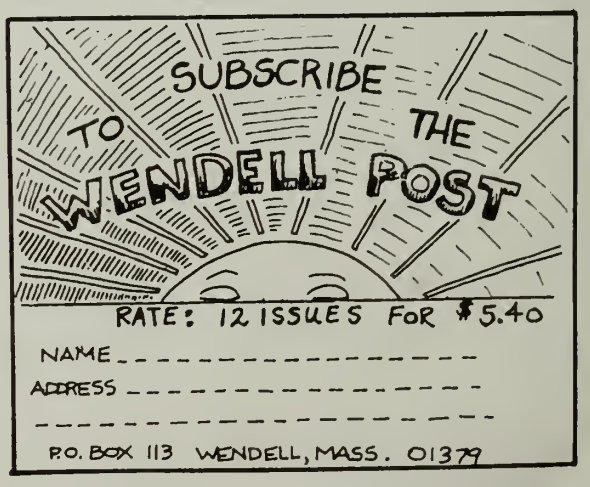

Scene of January 9th cabin fire, Farley Rd

Out on the Road, cont.

The town has taken an official position against the plan for the two-lane limited access highway. A 1979 referendum showed the majority of townspeople opposed it, and a legal fund was established in subsequent town meetings with which the selectboard was instructed to fight it.

As planned, Route 2 would cross the Miller's River into the Farley section of Wendell on a long, high bridge where it would eliminate two residences, circle Bear Mt. for a mile and a half a few hundred feet from the river. It would take a summer camp and a year-round residence across the river from Erving Center, continue almost three miles through Wendell State Forest in a roadbed requiring deep, terraced cuts and equally deep fills to Stoneville, where it would closely bypass the foundations and ruins of a Nineteenth Century manufacturing village called Stoneville. A mile further on it would bisect Wendell Depot, traversing the village on a high embankment. In the Depot it would displace three families and leave seven, six of which will find themselves between the new road and the existing Rt.2 overpass, sharing the confined quarters with the Boston & Maine Railroad tracks.

Wendell Concerned Citizens, which fought the highway actively during the draft impact statement review period, has organized a series of neighborhood teas to discuss the latest plans and allow people to write letters to appropriate officials.

To learn more about the teas, call Kathy Becker at 4-2086.

Johnathon vonRanson

"Teas" for Rt. 2

A core group of Wendell citizens disturbed by the economic and environmental impact of the South Bank Option of an extension of Rte. 2 through the Bear Mountain, Farley, and Wendell Depot areas in Wendell gathered recently at a private home to implement activities needed to stop the political and emotional sale of such a regional transportation plan.

An update by Michael Idoine of Wendell Concerned Citizens briefed those in attendance of the actions presently needed. It was agreed in later discussion that while the road needs upgrading to encourage needed economic development of the region, that the South Bank Option in particular would sacrifice Wendell's economic picture, present and future.

All further meetings will be announced via telephone tree. To be included, call Kathy Becker, or drop your name in designated points located at the Depot P.O. and at the Country Store.

New Salem Academy to Open

If you still haven't heard, New Salem Academy will open in September as an independent school for grades 7-12. Progress is being made on all fronts, slowly but surely. Here's an overview:

Curriculum: The New Salem School Committee will meet on Thursday, Feb. 17th, to decide whether or not to approve our curriculum, based on a weighty document submitted two weeks ago. By the time you read this, the verdict will be in. I'm "guardedly optimistic." Approval will mean that we can offer a valid, legal high school diploma equal to that of the public schools. (Any further "accreditation" must wait until we have been running our program for a few years.)

Faculty: Our four-person full-time staff is practically complete after an intensive month of searching for the right combination of experience, talent, personal qualities, and academic strengths. Helen Boland of Wendell, Daniel Botkin of Belchertown, and myself will comprise 3/4 of the team. The fourth person will be on board by the end of this week. Once the four of us get organized as a group, we will begin to assess our needs regarding part-time faculty

Students: In response to inquiries, we have sent out nearly twenty "pre-application" forms. Our formal application should be ready in a few weeks. There is a Student Recruitment Committee, chaired by Helen, which is in need of volunteers.

Money: We have raised approximately $7,500.00. We have a long way to go! We hope to raise $5,000.00 just from fund-raising events within a 45-minute driving radius, over the next 6 months. Again, this is one area where much volunteer help is needed.

On April 15th, the New Salem Academy Trustees will review the progress that has been made towards opening the school. Only if ther is sufficient evidence that we will be able to open, will commitments be made to students and faculty. The next two months are therefore crucial.

We need volunteers. Join the Student Recruitment Committee. Help out with a fund-raiser. The Curriculum Committee needs a few new members, especially if you are interested in issues of discipline and school governance. The Grants Committee needs both researchers and writers. Would you be willing to type, take something to the printer, or make some phone calls?

Also, we are planning an auction to raise money for the school. The tentative date is April 10th. Call Helen if you can donate any items or services, or if you can help out with organizing.

We think that this school can have a very positive effect on New Salem and Wendell, as well as on the students themselves. We plan to open a late-afternoon and evening community center where area residents can learn skills, share interests, socialize, and earn some extra income through teaching. Our students will perform plays, organize public forums around controversial issues, and devise other ways to entertain, educate, and serve the local community. We are committed to gradually making the program more and more financially available to all local students. This is a hard road to travel, and your help can only make it easier.

Please call me at 544-7327 or Helen at 544-2207 with any questions or offers of assistance.

Nathaniel Needle

New Service Offered

A new convenience has become available to Wendell residents. As of Feb. 26, 1983, a commercial home rubbish and garbage pick-up is now being offered by Bennett Construction of Jennison Rd., Wendell. The business was announced in style by its owner, Dean Bennett, with a mass mailing to every household in town. On Sat., Feb. 26, a little investigative trip up to the Town Dump did indeed find Dean Bennett and crew unloading the contents of a huge truck into the compactor at the end of the promised run.

Bennett was granted rights to carry rubbish in Wendell for money by the State Dept. of Public Utilities (D.P.U.). Says Bennett, "It's a very regulated business, you can't just start up." As a first step, Bennett had to attend a public hearing in Greenfield to prove a public need. The whole process took months, and involved going to Boston to file rates, once he had consulted with the D.P.U. "Now that my rates are filed," says Bennett, "I have to live with them." In Wendell, Bennett still needed a license by the Wendell Board of Health. The final result is that Bennett is a D.P.U. "Certified Common Carrier" for the transportation of sand, gravel, loam, fill, salt for road use, broken stone, and broken concrete, within a radius of 30 miles of Town Hall, Wendell. He has the additional right to commercially carry rocks, stumps, brush, garbage and rubbish, within Wendell. The rights for commercial rubbish and garbage removal are exclusive, and Bennett does not intend to take the responsibility lightly. "If I say I'll be there on Saturday, I'll be there on Saturday, the same Saturday we agreed on."

Households may subscribe to the service on a regular basis, explained Bennett, or call up and arrange single as-needed pick-ups on days the dump is open. An example of rates are as follows for a one-family residence:

2 pick-ups/week	$4.00/week
1 pick-up/week	$7.00/2 wks. (Sats)

Or the service may be arranged as needed by a Container Rate:

up to 33 gal. cap.	$1.00/container
33-55 gal. cap.	$1.25/ "
plastic bags	.50 each

minimum charge/pick up is $2.00

In addition, Bennett Construction also is available for construction work, such as site work, well digging, road building, septic systems, excavating and land clearing at an hourly rate on contracted flat fee.

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New Service, cont...

A little history about this enterprise seemed in order. Bennett described how the business came about something like this--- until the beginning of this winter he was the Eastern Regional Manager for Motobecane (bicycles, mopeds). The territory he supervised extended from Maine to Florida, around the curve and into Texas. His office was in N.J., which he flew to from his plane kept in Turners Falls Airport.

Actually it wasn't too long a commute, he said, because he often beat his co-workers, who lived on the South Jersey shore. Then with the recession, Motobecane developed financial problems and eventually withdrew. Rather than go on unemployment or seek another executive position and have to move, Dean Bennett and his wife, Collene, tried to think of something else. Their family had searched six years to find their land in Wendell and he wasn't about to leave. He had previous experience in construction and had picked up some good deals in big machinery, which is going fairly cheap in these times. And so, they decided to look for a local need to fill. "This is a big change, but it's my business."

"If you can survive the bad times, hopefully that improves your position when things get good."

Selectman's Minutes

Wendell Town Hall

October 19, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis with Slm. Ken Simos present. The minutes of Sept. 21 and Oct. 5th meetings were approved. The weekly payroll and bill warrants were approved.

The Selectmen spoke to Hwy. Surveyor Tom Bardsley about a cold patch bill on last week's warrant.

The State Election warrant was signed.

7:15 p.m. Bid Opening - Bituminous Concrete in place on Wendell Depot Rd. Warner Bros. 28.70 per ton, Lake Asphalt 26.80 per ton. Awarded to Lake Asphalt.

Coarse Winter Sand delivered. G&S Lyman 3.20 per yard, Northfield Sand & Gravel 3.75 per ton, Warner Bros. 4.60 per ton. Voted to award the bid to Northfield with a letter to G&S Lyman explaining why the bid was not given to them.

7:30 p.m. Plow Bids. Graves Equipment Co. $2,125.00, Frink Snow Plows $3,400.00. Hwy. Surveyor Tom Bardsley recommended that the Town purchase the Frink plow. The Board decided to look at the plows before making a decision.

Rita Farrell presented the Board with revised copies of the personnel policy.

Discussed progress on cemetery land swap with the State.

Voted to adopt the personnel policy as revised.

Discussed transportation problems of the elderly.

Ballot clerks for the Special Town Election, Judy Shaw, Jackie Ricketts, Donna Huntington and Laurel Wilson.

The Board voted to adjourn temporarily until Tuesday, October 26, 1982 at the office of Town Counsel at which time they will be in Executive Session.

Permission granted for Halloween Party at the Town Hall 10/31/82. Sally Wilder in charge.

November 2, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis with the full Board present. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved. The minutes of the October 19th meeting were approved.

The snow plow bids of Graves and Frink were rejected and the Board voted to re-advertise. Bid openings will be on Tuesday, November 9. 1982.

Discussed statis of seasonal Highway Employee.

Discussed personnel policy in relation to sick leave. Tom asked the Board to reconsider sick pay for part-time employees in the personnel policy. The topic will be discussed at the next regular meeting, November 16th.

Discussed Montague Rd. Cutting should start at the end of this week.

Discussed bid procedures.

Discussed proposal for Salt Shed by David White.

Discussed Arch Street Bridge Project.

Discussed Farley Bridge snow removal.

Tom requested the use of the Town pick-up truck for a trip to Northampton to meet with a salesman about dog kennels. Voted against this use.

There will be a hearing on Wednesday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m. with Post Office Officials concerning the future of the Wendell Depot Post Office.

Discussed emergency lights in Town Hall. Also discussed Town Hall bathrooms - refinish sink areas.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

November 9, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis with the full Board present. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.

Gladys Powling requested the use of the Town Hall on December 4th for a church supper to benefit the Wendell Church. Gladys requested a waver of the fees. A decision will be made later.

7:22 p.m. Bid Opening

Tri County Contractors Supply - $2,995.00, delivery in 2 weeks.

Frink Snow Plows - $2,670.00 plus $94.00 for 8 gauge plus $200.00 for delivery. Thirty day delivery. Total $2,964.00.

R.W. Thompson Company, Inc. - no bid.

Graves Equipment - 10 gauge,$2,125.00 plus 60 day delivery.

Awarded to Frink Snow Plow - 3 yes,0 no.

Discussed salt shed with contractors Harold Burnett and David White. Slm. Jim Slavas presented specifications to the Board. A lengthy discussion followed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

November 16, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis with Selectman Jim Slavas present. Slm. Simos was late due to work. The minutes of the November 2nd and 9th meetings were approved. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.

Jim Joslyn of Bay State Forestry Service met with the Board to discuss marking and selling trees on three Town owned lots. He recommended that all three lots needed thinning to improve the quality of the trees for the future. The thinning process could be done by selective cutting of the low grade trees for fire wood.

Lot	Approx. # of cords	Needs
Dump Lot	200	to varify boundaries
Davis #3	240	needs access
Phelps School lot	300-350	

It was recommended that the process of thinning be done over a two to three year period and that these lots be reviewed every five to ten years thereafter.

David Wilder of the Bd. of Health suggested that an engineer be hired to survey and design the dump for future use.

It was decided to set up a meeting between the Fire Chief, Selectmen and Board of Health to discuss setting up a brush burning area at the dump since our greatest problem today is the brush that people bring to the land fill area.

John Larrett was appointed a part-time truck driver for the Highway Dept.

Discussed the Montague Road project.

Discussed the future purchase of portable dog kennels.

Discussed dog problems.

David White was asked to build the Salt Shed for the Highway Dept. Approx. cost - Labor, $1,000; Materials $1,000.

We have vacancies that must be filled:

2 - Finance Committee Members
1 - Auditor
1 - Inspector of Animals

Voted to permit the church to use the Town Hall for a public supper. With fee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

December 21, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis with the full Board present. Clerk Harry Williston did not attend. Selectman Slavas took the minutes.

The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved. The miuntes of the December 7th meeting were approved.

The question of the legal statis of Bullard Pasture Rd. was brought up to the Board by Lincoln Soule. A historical discussion about the road followed with the Board finally agreeing to help getting it accepted as a legal Town road.

Ted informed the Board that our Insurance Agent Charles Winn will be present on January 18th to meet with the Selectmen and Finance Committee to discuss coverages for FY 84.

Auditor Thomas Scanlon brought the Board up to date on the audit that he has been conducting of our financial records. He gave the Board a Management Report and informed the Board of the new bookkeeping system and suggested several ways of upgrading the money management system even more, including the use of purchase orders.

Articles to do away with the elected auditor and create a Town Accountant will be prepared by Tom Scanlon.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Slavas, Acting Clerk

January 4, 1983

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis with the full Board present. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.

Discussed a personnel problem with Highway Surveyor Tom Bardsley.

Cooleyville Road has been closed for the winter.

Discussed building a turn-around on Bear Mt. Rd. The Board will meet with the landowner/abuttor.

Assessor Jessie Wetherby informed the Board that the Assessors need an additional $5,500.00 in expense money this fiscal year.

Discussed road-driveway problems on Old Farley Rd.

Asst. Treasurer Florence Blackbird asked the Board for help in discarding and storing some of the older records.

Discussed the personnel policy with Rita Farrell. (Discussed making this a Town By-Law, voted at a Town meeting).

Approved R.E. Pierce Auto Parts license or 1983.

Voted to adjourn until 2:00 p.m. Saturday to work on the budget.

Recessed at 9:25 p.m.

January 8, 1983
Saturday

The adjourned meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Lewis with the full Board present.

Discussed budgets of FY 1984.

Voted 4½% raise for full time employees effective July 1, 1983.

	FY 83 rates	FY 84 rates
Hwy. Surveyor	6.77	7.07
Truck Driver	5.93	6.20
Laborer	4.95	5.17

Worked on articles for a Special Town Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Williston, Clerk

Wendell posting place

Police Log

1- 5-83 Car on Farley Cutoff Road vandalized.
1- 6-83 One car accident on Depot Hill.
1- 7-83 Break at residence on West Road.
1- 9-83 Disturbance on Stone Road.
1-10-83 One car accident on Depot Hill.
2- 6-83 Several residences reported obscene phone calls.
2- 6-83 One car accident on Mormon Hollow Road.
2-12-83 Two car accident on Moose Horn Rd.
2-13-83 Pocketbook stolen from parked car at Ruggles Pond.
2-21-83 Wallet stolen from car parked at Ruggles Pond.

Land Transfers

11/ 5/82 Glenda Rose Marie Morris to Evelyn Mae Fisher. One acre on Locke's Village Road.
11/26/82 John W. Tenney to Anita A. Tenney. One acre and dwelling on North Main.
12/ 6/82 Susan M. Ary to Istvan E. Ary. 4.428 acres on Northwest side of Jennison Road.
1/ 3/83 Carol Ann Fisher to Anne G. Zak. One acre and store and dwelling.
1/ 7/83 Robert E. Steele and Louis A. Greco to Shawmut Bank of Franklin County, 2.50 acres and buildings on Wendell Depot.

Fire Log

11/12/82 Brush fire on New Salem Rd. caused by electrical wire.
11/13/82 Chimney fire at David Bardsley's residence, Wendell Depot Rd.
11/13/82 Flooded cellar at Paul and Katherine Zinkievich residence, Davis Turn Rd.
12/24/82 Gas washdown on Wendell Depot Rd.
1/ 9/83 House fire at Dustin Putnam house, Farley Rd.
1/19/83 Chimney fire at Donna Barnes residence, Locke Hill Rd.

RA, RA,

RA!

Hats off to Jeffrey Bauman of Ra Records and Wendell Recording Studios, whose two-page spread interview appeared in the Feb. 16 "Valley Advocate", in an article entitled "Success Wendell Style", and whose face graced the front page!

Vital Statistics

Births

Patricia Lillian Kopec was born Dec. 8, 1982 at 8:13 a.m. at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital. Congratulations to Paul Micheal Kopec and Valerie Marie Stryjewski Kopec of Locks Village Rd., Wendell.

Marc Anthony Goncalves was born October 30, 1982 at 11:52 a.m. in Providence Hospital, Holyoke. Congratulations to Julio Cesar Goncalves and Diane Marie Frasco Goncalves of Elm St., Wendell.

Kitara Sangree Stone was born on December 29, 1982 at 7:38 a.m. at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital. Congratulations to Donald Edwin and Jane Sangree Everitt Stone of New Salem Road on the birth of your daughter!

Marriage

Congratulations to Michael A. Miller and Patricia A. Jeweler on your marriage on December 12, 1982.

Deaths

Maude Merchant of Mormon Hollow Road, age 84, died on Sunday, January 30, 1983. Born in Wendell on July 29, 1898, she leaves behind five children, Adelbert of Sterling, Bradley and Doris of Wendell, Arlene Garbiel of Turners Falls, Edith Fellows of Orange and one sister, Hattie of Winchester, N.H. Maude also leaves 19 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Maude's husband Adelbert died in 1969.

Maude drove school bus in Wendell for over fifty years. When she first drove the bus was a horse and buggy.

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Author to visit New Salem

"Friends of the New Salem Library" are working with the "Friends of the Athol Library" and the "Friends of the Orange Library" to put on a big Spring event called "The First Event" for New Salem. Diana Cobbold, author of Evening Faces published by Arbor House, 1982, will be a guest at the Town Hall in New Salem on Sunday, May 22 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss her first novel, Evening Faces, and parts of her upcoming novel (working title, The Kahuna, Hawaiian for priest). Questions and answers as well as a reception in the lower level of the Town Hall will follow Mrs. Cobbold's visit.

Mrs. Cobbold and her husband, 11 year old son, and a "fierce brown rabbit named Lily" live in Marion, Massachusetts, a small town near the Cape. Evening Faces is about a small town man with a flaw. He is a peeping Tom.

Boston Globe staff writer Robert Taylor writes in the October 24, 1982 issue of the Boston Sunday Globe under "First Novelist" that ". . . the book is an uncommonly literate, well-crafted, and arresting performance, clearly the work of a gifted writer."

Mrs. Cobbold looks forward to her visit to New Salem, she says. A membership meeting will follow Sunday's Event on Thursday evening, May 26, for all people interested in joining the "Friends of the New Salem Library". Applications are available at the library and Post Office now. Don't wait until May to join. Sign up now. The "Friends" need your active support. Even a few minutes of your time will be a great help. For information or questions, call 544-7184 evenings!

Corrine Emge

The Wendell Old Home Day Committee is trying to revive itself again. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or energy to pump life into Old Home Day, please attend the Second Annual Wendell Old Home Day Potluck Brunch on Sunday, April 10, 1983, 11 a.m., at Anne Diemand's. For more information, call 544-7347. Please help us bring Old Home Day back to life.

Outdoors in Wendell

by Myron Becker

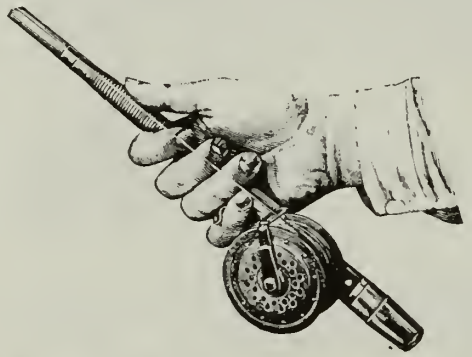
At the risk of tempting fate with premature pronouncements, one might muse over the dire predictions of everyone including the hallowed Farmers Almanac of the brutal winter we were supposed to have. In the reality of it all, Quabbin never even froze over completely, and the cross country skiers and snowmobilers had to sweat it out until almost mid February. Now with the sap buckets out in The Valley, it seems safe to pronounce winter almost over. I, for one, am already feeling the symptoms of the dreaded, (by my wife), "prefishing mania syndrome" which consist of oogling favored brooks and streams while trying to keep my car on the road, and taking inventory of my already too cluttered tackle collection with my creative energy devoted to concocting justifications for further expenditures of rare capital.

With an irony endemic to these days of seemingly impending environmental and economic doom, the fishing this year seems to be getting closer yet further away. While the big news is that the Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife is finally going to stock the Millers River for the first time in twenty years, the acidity of the water on the west branch of the Swift River, a main feeder stream to the Quabbin which is born on the east slope of Wendell, is too severe to support fish life. The impact on the Quabbin fishery is yet to be established but can't be very good. The State is stocking seventeen thousand Landlocked Salmon in the resevoir this year in an attempt to replace the Rainbow Trout fishery which is projected to be decimated by the rapidly increasing acidity of that body of water.

The preliminary plans of the Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife for stocking the Millers includes the placement of live cages containing a mixture of different species of young trout. These cages will be placed in the river in safe locations to determine for sure that the water will support their life. We are sure that this phase of the project will be a success because there is already a population of wild trout living in the river had has been for the past few years. A mixture of Brown and Brook trout from six to twelve inches and some larger will then be stocked from below The Chase Dam down through Montague. These fish have already been allocated for our river. Numbers of fish have not been made public yet. We are favorably impressed that the state is stocking the river with the brown and brook trout, which will possibly propigate in the river and its tributaries and compliment the existing wild fishery, rather than the less expensive rainbows usually stocked to produce a "put and take" fishery. The DFW had big publicity plans for this project so we may expect to see many anglers in our area this spring. Looking thru our positive colored glasses, the influx of anglers will put this once favorite trout stream in the limelight again making pollution and despoilation by municipal and industrial powers less likely to be tolerated as well as economically bolstering small local businesses such as restaurants, motels and the general stores. This effect will be even more pronounced if the salmon restoration effort on the Connecticut River is successful. The Millers could become a major salmon fishing stream. When the salmon start running on the Penobscot in Bangor, Me., don't go up there expecting to find an available motel room or even a seat in a restaurant.

So don't put away your skis and snowmobiles yet for it is likely that the fickle New England weather will dish us out another portion of winter, but do go down to the Depot on the next spring like day and look down from the battered bridge at our beautiful river.

Coming up in the next Post: A pictoral essay on Cross Country Skiing the Virgin Snows of the Quabbin and How to Catch the Trout of The Millers.



Scene from a unique and famous Wendell culinary offering: The Quabbin Coon and Turkey Association's coon and turkey supper. Yes, you missed it for this year, but the event will return again in the fall. Keep your eyes sharp on the look out for it.

Wendell's Music Scene

by David Boatwright

The traveling musician is not unlike many other people in mid-winter in New England who would say that the only thing worse than trying to get to and from work this time of year is not working.

With Reaganomics still somewhat short of bestowing its long-promised blessings upon most of us, Loose Caboose was thankful this February to be facing more work than they had encountered since way back in the Carter era, an occurance no doubt linked to the release (in Jamaica at least) of the group's first LP, "Dealer's World" on the IMANI label. The eight-song album, which was recorded over the last two years in Kingston, JA and New York City, is presently available only through the Caboose mailing list, but the group is currently negotiating a domestic distribution deal, and the record should be widely available in area stores before too long.

Meanwhile, the band has set a course for itself which involves eleven one-nighters during this most inclement month, including shows with Nigeria's prime guitarist, ju-ju music master King Sunny Ade, Olatunji, the international percussion master who also hails from Nigeria, Black Sheep, a top reggae group from Washington, D.C., Square Roots, a New Jersey based band, and Nuclear Rhythm Section.

Debbie Fier's LP, "In Your Hands" has been gaining popularity and praise from near and far, with favorable reviews from as far away as Michigan and airplay on radio stations nationwide. As a result, Debbie has been traveling more to do shows in Hartford, Woodstock, N.Y. and Vermont, and will make a second pressing available (the first is going fast!) in addition to releasing the music in tape cassette form.

It's been a busy winter for Ra Records, which was the subject of a feature story in the Valley Advocate in mid-February. Works progressing at Wendell Studios include material by singer Judith Ann-Marie and area guitarist Jim K. for 45 rpm releases on the label. Doc Iacovelli's "Dr. J" and "President's on Vacation" can be heard on area radio stations, notably WRSI.

Those fortunate enough to attend Steven Schoenberg's concert at Buckley Recital Hall this past December will be pleased to know that portions of that concert will be presented on the pianist/composer's first LP which he is presently producing with noted studio engineer Pat Jakes in NYC. Schoenberg is also planning a spring concert in the area to coincide with the album's release.

Wailing Dave Robinson has been gaining a following in the Valley with shows at the Hot-L Warren and 1704 Lounge in Deerfield, and the Berkshire East in Charlemont. Accompanying Dave on his many originals and blues-rock covers are fellow Spacemen "Klondike" Koehler and John Moses. And many other area musicians including former Fairchild guitarist Pat Jones, drummer Doug Huntington, keyboardist John Colby, blues harmonicat Myron Becker, and drummer Bob Pierce of Orange.

That town is the new home of Kallisti Percussion, a handcrafted percussion business which specializes in marimbas and drums of traditional, classical and educational designs. While the company has an established reputation in New York City, Chicago and the West Coast, they've chosen to make Orange their home in the Northeast, and invite all interested musicians to check for them at 309 Gidney Road, Orange, Mass. 01364 or call (617)544-3282.

Klondike, in addition to many sound engineering gigs this winter, including a George Winston concert at the Academy of Music in Northampton February 20th, will be appearing with the Outerspace Band at Maxwell's on the Mountain in Sugarloaf, Maine, March 3-6. Look for "Space at the Warwick Inn when warm weather returns.

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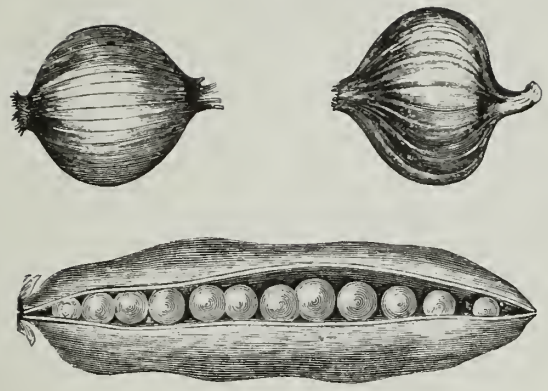

More about digestion...Last time I spoke about the time it normally takes for food to pass through our system. In case I have not emphasized fiber enough in the past, here we go again!

The human body is equipped with an extremely long intestinal tract and this is because in the past (and this is going way back) we ate a lot of rough plant matter and the extra fiber in plant food needs a long passageway to complete the digestive process. These days many people eat highly processed foods which contain little fiber and this solidly packed, dense matter gets bogged down in the intestine, especially the colon. The bacteria which accumulates when food waste is blocked in the colon can be very irritating and even fatal.

A big part of the BALANCE in a meal is the fiber content, as the fiber will ease the passage. Even if you have no teeth there are ways to get your fiber, like applesauce, homemade cranberry juice (sweetened with maple syrup is great!) and of course bran. Squeeze some fresh lemon or lime into water with a little sweetener and this makes a good cleanser. Those with good chompers should include a salad, cole slaw, an apple, raw vegetables etc. within their meals to make sure that things keep moving. Don't be alarmed by loose bowels (not to be confused with diarrhea), because they are much preferable to hard, blocked feces.

I would like to come out in favor of cross country skiing as a great way to give the body a work-out (aside from our normal chores). A rather modest investment in the beginning (watch for sales) can lead to many years of enjoyment in our Wendell wonderland. Any way that you can get the circulation going by keeping the whole body moving is beneficial to health. Keep Smiling!

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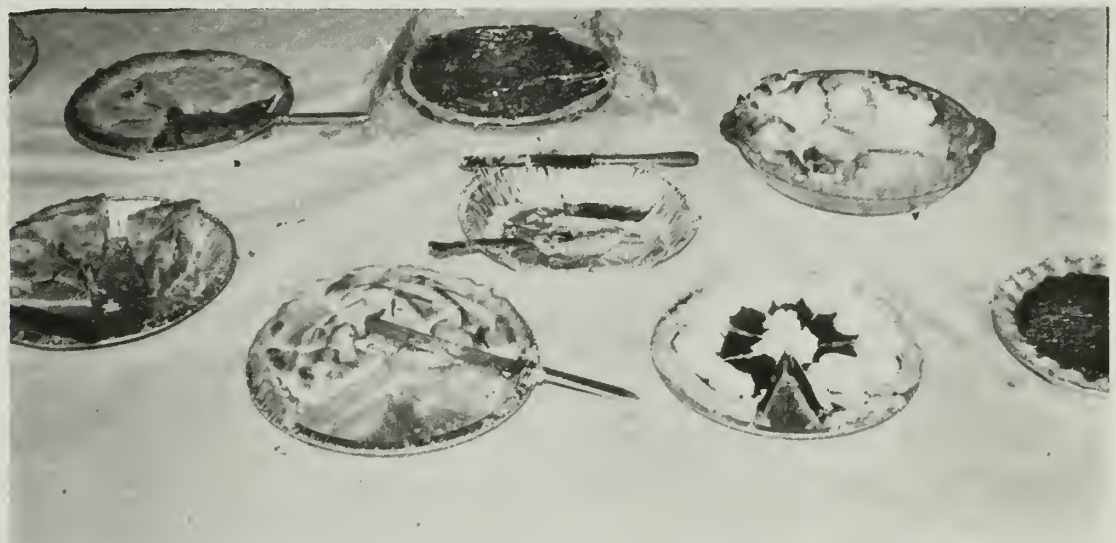


And for dessert there was pie at the Ladies' Aide Swedish Meatball Supper held mid-winter at the Wendell Townhall.

Health Club in Orange

An April 1st opening is planned for an exciting multipurpose health and fitness facility located at 7 West Main Street, Orange, in the central square of the town. The brick building known as the "Opera House Block" next to Larry's Diner will be renovated to include 4 regulation racquetball courts, a 16-piece Nautilus high intensity circuit training gym, 3 computerized Life Cycle exercise bikes, Aerobic dance and calesthenics classes, hot tub, saunas, fresh fruit juice bar, free daytime babysitting and complete men's and women's Lockerroom facilities.

The key word with Nautilus Training is efficiency. Any man or woman can be put into very good physical shape with two to three 20 to 30 minute workouts per week. Using conventional equipment systems would take 5 times the amount of time to be put into comparable physical condition. Nautilis Equipment & Training is recognized throughout the sportsworld as the STATE OF THE ART in terms of both equipment and exercise technique. The founder and inventor of Nautilus high intensity circuit training is Mr. Arthur Jones of Sports Medical Industries in Deland, Florida. It took Mr. Jones over 20 years to perfect the first piece of Nautilus equipment. What has followed is a series of machines each designed to isolate one of the body's large muscle groups. The circuit covers the entire body and gives the trainee the most in terms of strength flexibility and endurance.

In addition to the Nautilus high intensity circuit training, Sportsplex will be offering another recent innovation in cardiovascular conditioning in the form of the Life Cycle exercise bicycle. The Life Cycle is a computerized exercise cycle which imputs information about the trainee (height, weight, age, fitness level) and automatically plots and controls the exercise program in terms of distance, time, and speed. In addition to this, it constantly feeds back information, telling the trainee what his/her heart rate is at any given time while concurrently indicating the number of calories being burned.

Some of the other special features of the Sportsplex are Aerobic dance and Calisthenics classes. In these programs people will be able to dance away the extra pounds in a fun environment of group participation. There will also be special programs on weight loss and nutrition, custom tailored athletic training programs, tournaments and much more.

In addition to regular individual memberships, Sportsplex will be offering special rates to Married Couples (with very reasonable add-on fees for children 14-19), Gold Card Lifetime Memberships, and special memberships for Groups and area Corporations. In this way they hope to involve the largest possible cross-section of the local populace, helping to make everyone healthier, happier and more physically fit.

Sportsplex will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., seven days a week. Chris Bruno relates the goals of Sportsplex: "We will do our best to help raise the 'health consciousness' of the entire Mt. Grace area. We hope to include people of all walks of life. We feel that we can help improve EVERYONE'S health, from the high school athlete training for a specific event to the retired couple who would like more energy and flexibility in their golden years."

Sportsplex is now selling memberships (with special bonuses for pre-opening purchasers.

For more information contact Chris Bruno at Sportsplex 544-7844.

Special ☆ Town Meeting 1983 ☆

TOWN WARRANT
SPECIAL WENDELL TOWN MEETING
Town Hall, Tuesday, March 22, 1983

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $925. from Veteran's Benefits to the Group Health Insurance Account or take any action thereon.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $350. from the School Project Account to the Town Garage Maintenance Account or take any action thereon.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $5,820.00 from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to the Road Machinery Maintenance Account or take any action thereon.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $2,280.00 from the School Heating System Account, $1,075.00 from Veteran's Benefits, $374.00 from the School Project Account and appropriate up to $1,771.00 from Free Cash to the Assessors Expense Account or take any action thereon.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend $8,108.00 specified as "pot-hole Repair" money (Chapter 335, Acts of 1982) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or take any action thereon.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to abolish the Office of the Town Auditor or take any action thereto.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to accept the Town Accountant's Act, by accepting Section 55 thru Section 60 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or take any action thereto.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract for the cutting and removal of up to 150 cords of firewood or timber, or 50,000 board feet of timber from Town forest for 5 consecutive years. Proceeds from sale of said timber to be returned to the General Fund, or take any action thereto.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 1 of the September 21, 1982 Special Town Meeting or take any action thereon.
(Article permitting the Town of Rowe to withdraw from Franklin County Technical School District)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to accept the attached 4 page agreement to the Franklin County Technical School District or take any action thereon.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to accept the following attached 9 page Personnel Policy as a Town By-law or take any action thereon.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to accept the following zoning by-law: (This by-law will be inserted as new Article 11. Old Article 11 will henceforth be referred to as Article 12).

Article 11: Multiple dwelling lots.

Section I. Lot area shall be increased by one acre for each additional contiguous dwelling unit. Lot area shall be increased by two acres for each additional non-contiguous dwelling unit per lot.

Section II. A special Permit is required for the construction of or conversion into more than two dwelling units per lot.

Section III. A maximum of six (6) dwelling units is allowed per lot.

Section IV. An existing structure may be converted to house no more than four dwelling units.

Section V. A minimum of two acres and 100 ft. frontage along the front lot line or for a back lot a minimum of four acres and 30 ft. frontage along the front lot line is required for each non-contiguous dwelling unit on the same lot.

Section VI. The minimum distance between non-contiguous dwelling units on the same lot shall be 100 ft.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to accept the following zoning by-law:

Article 14: Parking:

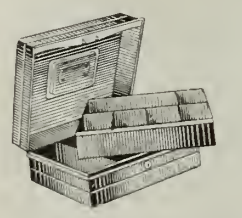
Two off street parking spaces are required per dwelling unit.

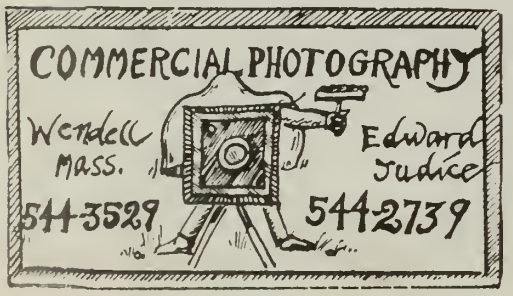
Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to add the following definition to Article 15: Definitions (formerly Article 13):

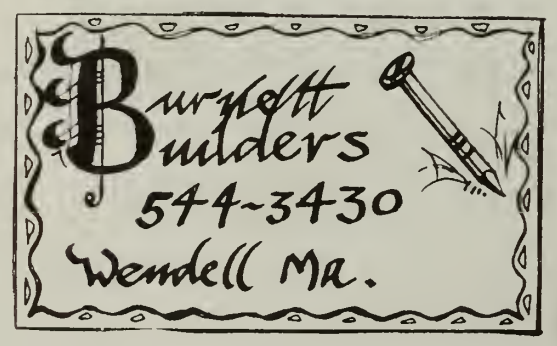
Dwelling Unit: A single unit providing complete independent living facilities for one or more persons including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.

Article 15: To transact any other legal business that may come before said meeting.

Quabbin Reflection by Don Pugh







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